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MOTOR MOUNTED THERETO :  
VIA ELASTIC MEMBER :

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 19, 2002, Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims corresponding to Species A. At present, Applicants believe that the claims that correspond to Species A are claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22.

This election is made with traverse.

The reason why this election is made with traverse is because claim 1 is generic to Species A, B and C. The correspondence of claims is as follows:

Species B: 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20 and 23

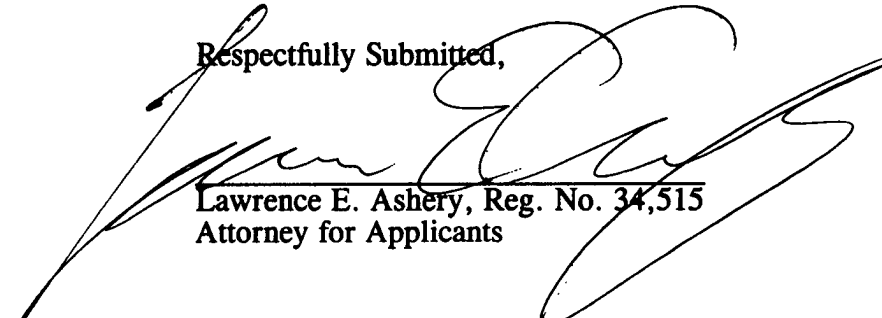
Species C: 4, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21.

Claim 1 is generic to Species B because claim 1 includes all the features found in claim 3. Furthermore, claims 6, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 20 depend from claim 3. Similarly, claims 4, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21 depend from claim 1. Claims 21, 22

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and 23 each include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, as claim 1 is a generic claim, the election requirement is erroneous and should be withdrawn.

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